

REMARKS

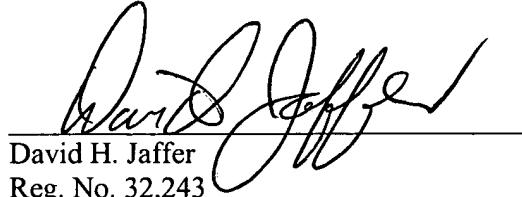
In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 4-10, and 14-18 were allowed. Claims 11 and 13 were rejected. In this response, claims 11 and 13 have been canceled. Therefore, Applicant believes the remaining claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes the claims are now in condition for allowance. If any further questions should arise prior to a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney at the number set forth below.

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Respectfully submitted

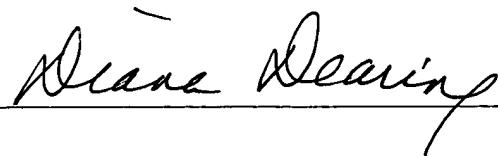


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